

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 27th MEETING Held at the Western Club, Glasgow at 12.00 Noon on the 12th March 2008

Attendees: Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern. [Chairman]
Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch.
Lt. Col. Donald MacLean.
Mrs Fiona Maclean of Ardgour.
Dr. James MacLean. Treasurer.
Malcolm F MacLean. Secretary.

1. Apologies: Apologies for non attendance received from Ian MacLean Nova Scotia, (e/mail comments submitted), Brian McLean, Australia (e/mail comments submitted), Nigel Alington, (e/mail comments submitted), Robin Maclean of Ardgour, and Prof. Ephraim McLean. Atlanta (e/mail comments submitted), James Beaton.

2. Minutes of the 26th Meeting: Accepted by all present.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a. Scots at War Trust.

Please refer to A.O.B. Section 14.b for details.

4. Finances:

a. Accounts 2006/7.

Now submitted to OSCR; Sir Lachlan to thank external examiner.

b. Current Position

Treasurer presented draft cash flow report for year from April'07. Subscriptions are currently down on last year from £620 to £555. Outgoings on projects this year have been high, in contrast to the previous year where no projects were funded. Treasurer was asked to give a more detailed breakdown of outgoings. Final account for year will show deficit of approximately £1,000. Funds in current account stand at £6,038.

Sir Lachlan presented Trust with a cheque for £465 from Atlantic Provinces in memory of Lady Mary. He requested that this be held in a separate category at present.

c. Personal Tax Incentives for overseas Donations

Nigel still awaiting advice from Ephraim on this; as 25% of current Friends funding is coming from the USA, meeting felt this must be progressed. Sir Lachlan to write to Gary MacLean, Treasurer, Pacific North West, who has expertise in this field, and ask him to contact Ephraim; Ian Nova Scotia has contacts with another clan organisation which has experience in the Canadian tax situation.

5. Secretary's Comments.

a. OSCR requirements.

Mac introduced the completed "OSCR induction pack", and said that after sign off by Sir Lachlan individual packs will be posted to Brian, James, and Nigel.

6. Manuscripts and Archive.

a. Further Maclean Papers:

Sandra McLean, California, has not only collected these papers, but has also catalogued them. Allan had previously reviewed the list and seeing that they complemented papers already held in the Tobermory Museum it was decided to offer £300 for the papers. **Action:** Mac to contact the seller.

b. Portrait of Allan Maclean of Drimnin

Allan is in contact with the owner of this portrait. He has had a top quality digital copy made. The cost is mainly covered by a gift-aid donation. He has given two copies to the portrait's owner, and sent one to Locker Madden. Meeting agreed Allan should send Derek Lewis a copy to thank him for his hospitality to the Trust at Drimnin in June'07.

c. Storage of CDs and other archives.

Meeting noted that Allan is holding several CDs on the Trust's behalf. Meeting agreed that he should

continue to keep them, and that Allan should give the Secretary a list of what he is holding.

7. Library.

a. Additions.

Allan has sent a list of new purchases now lodged in the Tobermory Museum to the Battleaxe Editor. Meeting agreed that donated books should be clearly delineated as such.

b. List of Books to be bought.

Allan will present this list to next meeting. Meeting agreed the list should be put onto the Trust's website with a request for donations. Discussion on priorities for books for the Library confirmed that the Trust should be buying books relating to the history of the clan, rather than to individual MacLeans.

8. Promotion of the CMHT:

a. Website.

Nigel reports that he has the ability to edit the Heritage Trust pages in the website. Meeting very grateful to Nigel for taking this on.

b. Leaflets for Tents.

Allan will send existing photographs held by him to Nigel for leaflets. In addition Nigel will have to bear in mind other Associations throughout the world with a need for a similar leaflet. Will Nigel please make contact with Doug McLean (St Johns) Email doug@mcleanmicro.ca who has experience in the problems of printing out artwork onto different paper sizes.

9. Completed Projects.

None since the last meeting.

10. Current Projects.

a. Piping Book. (2009: £3500)

Donald reported there was still a problem with the question of copyright on some 16 tunes, about which he will need to speak further with Robb Wallace. Overall there were now some 79 tunes selected with 4 new tunes commissioned for the book. Commenting on the date of publication Donald said that the Piping Book would not be ready for 2008.

b. CD version of Seneachie's History (2008)

Allan to complete by Spring.

c. The Bard's stone at Glenbard.

It had previously been agreed that the Trust would support this project, perhaps in a joint venture, like we did with the hatchment in Halifax, with CMA Maritimes and John Sinclair combining for the gravestone renewal of lettering and the translation. The trustees at the meeting determined that the CMHT crest must on the plaque; then as normal procedure, the plaque design to be reviewed by the Trust before sign off.

d. Dr Archibald Lang McLean

The meeting thanked Brian for his work on this project to-date, and his report on the progress of the project was most welcomed. He and Colin Sproule had achieved a great deal, the only problem which appears to remain is the final placement of the plaque.

e. Hon. Angus Maclean. Premier of Prince Edward Island.

Ian in his submission stated that contact had been made with Rob MacLean (Angus MacLean's son) by Ruby Cousins, and that the family would be happy to see him honoured. The meeting was pleased to see the two Clan Associations being partners on this ongoing project.

f. Marking significant MacLeans on the Website

Nigel from his preliminary submission is keen to take the initiative on this item and put the necessary expertise and drive into seeing it implemented. Sir Lachlan asked if Nigel would prepare a separate paper outlining his approach to marking significant MacLeans on the website prior to the next meeting. One of the problems that arose during the discussion was how do we define "significant" MacLeans in this context.

11. Projects under consideration.

a. Tombstone at Killeen.

Sir Lachlan had written to the De Klee family, asking if they were going to do anything about the stones that lay on the site. Sir Lachlan went on to say that he was meeting with four members of the De Klee family to discuss covering the stones. Should this be unacceptable then he would suggest they be moved to Duart. The moving of them to Duart would be a conservation solution and probably also suit the De Klees. Allan's understanding was that the De Klee's might want them for a possible "Pilgrims

Way", walk to Pilgrims Well.

b. Edition of Dr Hector Maclean's Genealogy. (2007)

Allan stated that it was now a much easier project but would still take time and perhaps be completed next winter.

c. 'McLean Law'

Removed to Future projects Item 11.

d. Fort Dewart

Ian in his notes thanked Mac for his work on Fort Dewart; Mac had discovered that the site in Pennsylvania was already well documented. Ian had felt at the time that it was something the Trust might be interested in researching. Allan mentioned that John McLean from Rhode Island had spoken to him at the Clan Gathering offering his help if ever needed. Allan will contact John and ask him to investigate further whether or not this item is worth pursuing.

12. Database of Ideas and possible future projects.

The list at present stands at [but not in this order of priority]:

1. Lichlee, Isle of Mull - Possibly an inscription on boulder, rather than building a cairn. Date, 1587.

2. Knockmartin, Isle of Mull. This was the rallying place for Macleans on the west side of Mull.

3. Memorial at Glenlivet, Battle at which Sir Lachlan Mor took a leading part, see Nicholas Maclean-Bristol's, *Murder under Trust*, p187-94. Date, October 1594 and we missed the 400th anniversary.

4. Inscription at Breacachadh Castle, Coll

Replacement of the inscribed stone by the recording the amity between the Macleans of Coll and the MacGillonies [Cameron] of Strone, Lochaber. The original wording is known.

5. Benjamin Franklin McLean, Kansas.

This was a project suggested to Col Donald by a lady in USA who had attended the last Clan Congress in 2002. **Action:** Donald.

6. Kilbrannan, Rankin College of Piping.

This was the Rankin College of Piping. Lachlan to discuss further with Richard Compton McLean of Torloisk. **Action:** Sir Lachlan.

7. Dr. Hector Maclean of Gruline. This project has been put off meanwhile, but the idea was to commemorate him in the Gorbals, and/or at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons; or at Erray House, Tobermory. (See past minutes for additional information). **Further Action** by James Beaton.

8. Neil McLean, the Railway Builder in Nevada.

In 2003 Duncan, Nevada, began to investigate Neil McLean, and was in touch with his grandson Neil, in Southern California. Duncan to be contacted. **Action:** Mac.

9. Alexander Maclean Sinclair.

Ian to go ahead with the conference approach in Canada, perhaps a half day with the Celtic Studies Dept. of StFX University would be the most suitable. **Action:** Ian.

10. Eilean Amalaig.

Ian is still very keen that we should mark this island, and its 'galley harbour' in some fashion. Sir Lachlan will speak to the Mull Council to see what is possible at the site. **Action:** Sir Lachlan.

11. 'McLean Law'.

There is an idea that we should commemorate John McLean, Justice of the Supreme Court from 1829 and a campaigner against the Union's slavery laws. Judge Sandy McLean had been helpful but it showed up the problem of getting any action out of the USA. Should the commemorative plaque be in Ohio rather than in Washington?

12. Wilbur Maclean.

First shot of the American Civil War fired on his land.

13. Rev. Archibald Maclean

Fore-father of the Baptist Church in Scotland.

14. Prof. Magus McLean.

Professor of Natural Philosophy at Glasgow University 1890/1900

15. General Sir George Maclean.

Governor of the Cape Coast, Ghana.

13. Friends of CMHT:

a. Current uptake

Mac reported that the current uptake for 2008 had now reached 44 (including 4 Honorary Friends). Some new USA Friends who had joined because of the 2007 Gathering had renewed their membership. Mac will provide an up-date on Friends numbers at the beginning of July. **Action:** Mac.

b. 2007 Benefit.

This was the 'Maclean Map', with all the accompanying notes supplemented by an introduction from Allan. The maps cost Canadian \$3, Fiona confirmed the quantity involved as 78 maps; the result was a reworked cost of £4.50 each. This was a highly successful benefit based on comments and letters received, and perhaps ranks as the finest gift so far distributed.

c. 2008 Benefit.

Mac had approached two businesses in the Midlands who were prepared to produce the medallion in lead, with only Fattorini Ltd replying with broad cost estimates. Averaging the costs received over one hundred friends the resultant cost would be £17 each, excluding VAT. The majority of trustees felt that at such a cost per medallion then it was not a feasible gift for friends. Allan, amongst others, voiced the opinion that the medallion might make an excellent memento for the 2012 gathering. He went on to say that perhaps it could be made of another metal and given a bright plated finish to look eye-catching in a presentation box. Allan said that he would arrange for a Mr Tavener, a medallion collector, to give a 15 minute appreciation, at the next meeting, of what can be achieved in medallion design and production.

It was then decided that the 2008 benefit will be the miniature portrait of Allan Maclean, Torloisk, framed in a suitable style mount and presentation box; along with a copy of the short biography prepared for the unveiling. **Action:** Allan to find suitable mounts.

Sir Lachlan reported that the proposal of making wooden porridge spurtals from old wood at Duart Castle is no longer feasible, due to insufficient wood.

14. A.O.B.

a. Old Breacachadh Castle

Nigel had noted an article about the downgrading of old Breacachadh Castle from Grade A to Grade B. Sir Lachlan said that he would contact Nicholas Maclean-Bristol about this issue.

b. Scots at War Trust.

Alistair White had been asked to provide a link between mac.org and the website for The Scots at War Trust. Nigel reported that no links existed between the web sites, Mac confirmed that he had tried but was unable to achieve the link through Alistair White. The decision was made that a reference only to the Scots at War Trust would now seem more appropriate than a link. **Action:** Nigel

15. Date and Venue for next meeting.

17th September 2008

Time: 12.00 Midday,

Venue: The Western Club, Glasgow.

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